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The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has published a new book bringing together people from all walks all life to reflect on what Christmas means to them.

'In This Light: Thoughts for Christmas' features stories from the world's toughest prisons, to people finding courage in refugee camps. Doctors reflect on facing fear at the operating table, while others talk about finding hope after disappointments and struggles at Christmas.

Published by Harper Inspire, the collection of personal essays includes contributions from Bishop Michael Curry, Julie Etchingham, Jonathan Bryan, Matt Brittin, John Kerry, Sadiq Khan, Agnes Abuom, Hosam Naoum, Sally Phillips, Bryan Stevenson, Alan Titchmarsh and Hae Woo, among



All royalties from the book are being donated to three charities close to Archbishop Justin’s heart. They will be divided equally between Caring for Ex-Offenders, part of the ministry of Holy Trinity Brompton; the Equal Justice Initiative; the Melanesian Mission and Charis Tiwala.

As diverse as the authors, Archbishop Justin hopes that these raw and honest stories will resonate with people from all backgrounds, faiths, and spheres of life.

“As you will quickly see, they are an eclectic bunch – believers and sceptics, priests, teachers and artists – each of whom, has shaped how I think and work,” the Archbishop said.

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